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Microsoft has used its financial, legal and monopoly power for too long, and in too many ways, to allow it to continue to destroy competition and stifle better products.

Anyone with more than a rudimentary knowledge of computers, and who has been involved with computers for a long period of time, knows the following: Microsoft's total addiction to "the bottom line" has turned them into a company that determines a time when it wants to release a new product, with unlimited advertising and promotion, and then releases the product at that time without regard to the product's readiness or quality. The term, "sloppy programming" is used by the Microsoft programmers themselves to identify this problem.

And, secondly, the fact that Microsoft tries to undermine, purchase and destroy, or simply destroy, companies producing better product has led to the sad situation of today, in which other, and (real or potentially) better operating systems and applications are held back and eliminated.

This country, or the world, would not let one pharmaceutical, medical, oil or energy entity control the sales, supply and use to the world, of necessary products or knowledge. Today, information and the internet is becoming as important as medicine and energy. It needs to be controlled for the good of the world, not one, selfish organization.

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